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product of the E1A region is expressed, and (iii) no other early or late gene products are expressed.

18. (New) A modified adenovirus comprising genomic adenoviral DNA which has been modified so that (i) the only gene product of the early region (E4) that is expressed is open reading frame 6 (ORF-6), (ii) the gene product of the E1B region is expressed, and (iii) no other early or late gene products are expressed.

19. (New) A modified adenovirus comprising genomic adenoviral DNA which has been modified so that (i) the only gene product of the early region (E4) that is expressed is open reading frame 6 (ORF-6), (ii) the gene products of the E1A and E1B region are expressed, and (iii) no other early or late gene products are expressed.

20. (New) A modified adenovirus designated VORF6 (ATCC Patent Deposit Designation number PTA-2215)

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 2-4 without prejudice and added new claims 17-20. Accordingly, claims 1 and 17-20 are now pending in the subject application.

In view of the arguments below, applicants maintain that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and respectfully request that they be withdrawn.